



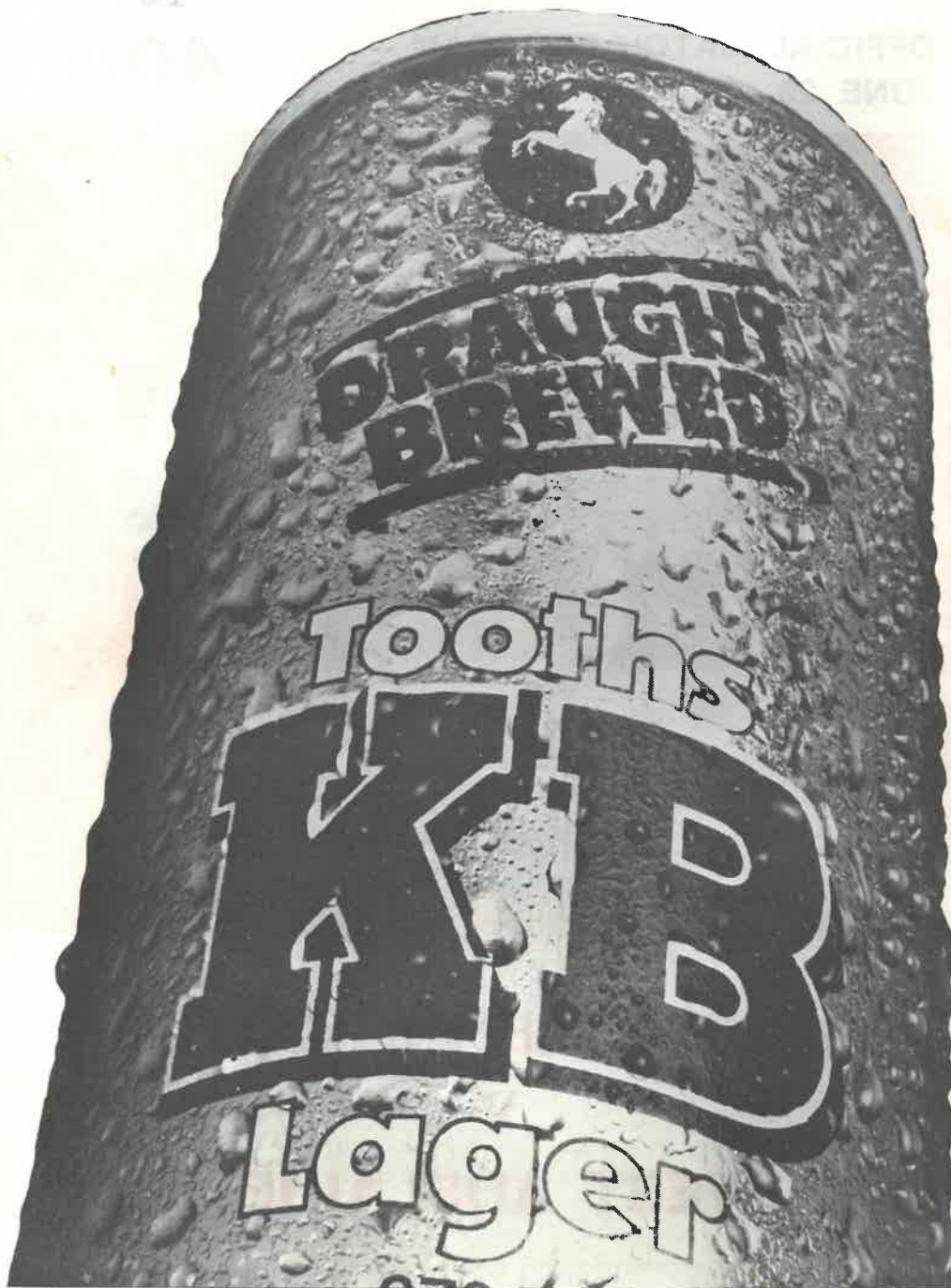
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COVER PIC: Malcolm McClelland wins another header despite the ballet tactics of Brendan Grosse.

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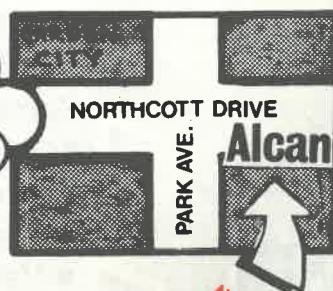
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Newcastle KB United



V West Adelaide

West Adelaide has a marvellous record in the short history of the Philips Soccer League. Superlatives are the only words which can adequately describe the dazzling success the club has enjoyed. That success has been enjoyed on and off the field. Until Newcastle United flashed upon the P.S.L. scene West Adelaide were the pace-setters in terms of crowds as well as football.

Among the stars who have brought them glory is the 'cosmic' Kosmina, South Australia's sportsman of the year in 1977. To win such an award in the face of opposition from Australian Rules heroes you have to be better than just good. John's recent transfer from Arsenal to West Adelaide for a fee of forty-five thousand dollars is some indication of the value put on him. He and his teammate Martyn Crook have just returned from New Zealand where they were members of Rudi Gutendorf's Socceroo squad.



John Kosmina

Martyn Crook has the reputation of being one of the best, if not the best, goalkeepers in Australia. It was as much his tremendous form as any other factor that won his club the Philips League championship last season.

If things are not going so well for Westad this season it may be that their early successes have taken some of the sheen off their ambitions. Can success pall?

Probably the biggest disappointment for the Hellas combination was the loss of the local derby to Rale Rasic's Adelaide City two series back. A crowd of over ten thousand saw them lose 1-2 to their rivals. Someone will pay the

penalty for that. Let's hope it isn't Newcastle.

Look at the back-up for Kosmina and Crook. Barry Reynolds at full back has the reputation for being a tough defender who loves to join in the attack. He is a big man and there are more reassuring sights for his opponents than seeing him bearing down upon them.

Graham Honeyman is a grafting goal-getter who can turn a match quickly through his industry and inspiration.

Neil McGachey, Dave Pillans and Alex Zervas rate very highly by P.S.L. standards. They have built themselves reputations through their fine fitness and professionalism. Add to that list the names of Con Kambas, David Jones, Peter Boyle and Graham Norris then you start to get an inkling of the might of Westad.

When Jim Adam left West Adelaide for A.P.I.A. Leichhardt it was something of a blow for Westad. Under his coaching the club had shown tremendous fighting spirit. To their credit that spirit still thrives.

The club has been in existence since 1962 and had won many honours before it entered the P.S.L. Six times League champions, seven times Ampol Cup winners, twice Federation Cup holders and four times holders of the Coca-Cola Cup, they have much to be proud of.

In Ian McGregor they have an Australian boy who won the Roy Crowhurst Trophy for Australia's most talented Under 16 back in 1972. It is the same award won by Joe Senkalski the following year. Ian, like Joe, was a midfielder in those days but plays mainly in a striker position for his club now.

A more recent youth player is George Koulianos who was a triallist for Rudi Gutendorf's Youth Squad last year. He has represented S.A. Schools and has been with Westad for two full seasons.

It is an honour to play host to this fine club. Let's hope that the time is not too far off when some of the glories that have attended their efforts may come our way.

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Alan Vest

FROM THE TUNNEL

Well a very welcome two points from our last home game and good to get back onto the goalscoring charts. Roy Drinkwater now heads our scorers with six goals and has come in for some much deserved credit in recent weeks. Good also to see Peter Tredinnick showing he's shrugged off his indifferent form and we're looking for some top performances in the next few weeks.

News on the injury front is a little brighter with Bill Summerscales and Graham Heys being the only doubtful starters for the Footscray game. We've had to go to press early due to the long weekend so don't know the outcome of that game.

Today's visitors West Adelaide last year's champions had a shaky start, but are gearing up for an onslaught to retain their championship. They're a team stacked with talent and with John Kosmina back with them from Arsenal, will be a big hurdle to overcome. It'll be a hard encounter, but I hope it's an entertaining game and we'll be going all out for those two points.

Alan Vest travels by Holden courtesy of McLEOD, KELSO and LEE



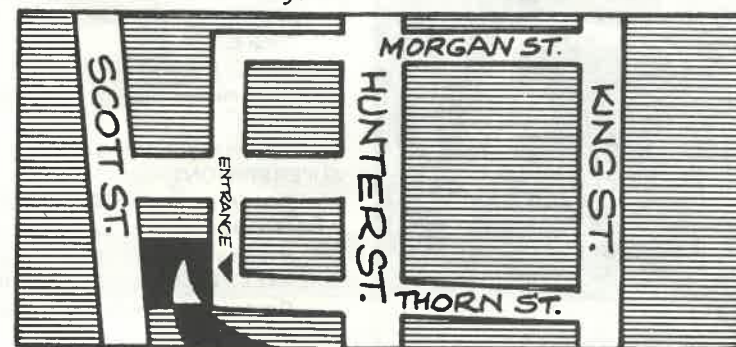
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PLAYER PROFILE



Bill Summerscales has been one of the great successes among Newcastle United's imports from England.

This Week:
BILL SUMMERSCALES

POSITION:

Centre Back.

SHIRT NUMBER:

5.

DATE OF BIRTH:

4-1-49.

STAR SIGN:

Capricorn.

HEIGHT:

6ft. 1½ins.

WEIGHT:

13st.

HAIR COLOUR:

Brown.

EYES:

Green.

OTHER POSITIONS PLAYED:

None.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:

Winning promotion with Port Vale 1968-69.

GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT:

Any time we lose.

HOBBIES:

Playing and watching all sport — reading.

SUPERSTITIONS:

I don't like to carry a ball onto the pitch.

AMBITIONS:

Health and happiness for my family.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

Gordon Lee — ex-Port Vale manager.

MARITAL STATUS:

Married to Janet.


CHILDREN:

None.

FAVOURITE ACTORS/SINGERS:

Humphrey Bogart, Marilyn Monroe, Peter Sellers, Four Tops, Elton John, John Denver.

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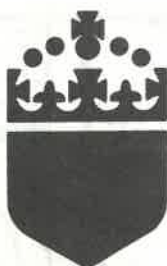


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IRONNIES

RONNY B: An Irish referee controlling his first big match astounded players and spectators when he ran the game for the full ninety minutes without a half time and without having the teams change ends. When asked why he didn't play forty five minutes each way he replied, "Faith and me watch only runs in one direction."

ronnie c: Police today issued a warning to football fans driving to Newcastle for United's home matches. They said there had been many accidents in recent weeks because motorists had been distracted by the beautiful scenery along the highway. Only last week a young lady was injured in a particularly attractive area.

RONNY B: A football manager was arrested in Sydney today after his team had been defeated. He has been charged with contributing to indecent exposure by tearing strips off his players in public.

ronnie c: A new amplifying system for the public address has just been installed. One loud speaker was donated by the president in memory of his late wife.

RONNY B: Socceroo Peter Stone upset reporters yesterday during an interview. One wanted to know what shirt he was wearing now that he had left Western Suburbs and he replied with "An A.P.I.A. jumper".

ronnie c: A prominent greengrocer was convicted in court last week of giving short weight. In his defence he stated that he had always used spring balances during the winter months until Newcastle United was formed. Then he switched to summer scales.

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There was the Irish footballer whose Canberra friends took him horse riding. Just as a joke they put him on the highest stepping trotter they could find. Paddy hadn't gone fifty metres before he lost the reins and the stirrups and his seat in the saddle. When the horse caught a hind hoof in one of the dangling stirrups Paddy said, "Begorrah, that's the end of it. If yer gettin' on I'm gettin' off."

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To the footballer "fun" is a three-letter word spelt "w-i-n".

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DAFFYNITIONS

TRANSFER: Kind of sticker or something for someone who isn't.

PREsideNTS: People who have the side at heart.

APPEARANCE MONEY: What the players get for being good-looking.

F.A. CUP FINAL: An old English custom like gathering nuts and may.

WEMBLEY STADIUM: Where the football nuts gather in May.

WEMBLEY STADIUM: Typical of all that

is English. Even the seats are reserved.
CUP FEVER: Extremely high temperature beyond the control of any fan.

F.A. CUP: Immensely popular competition, not just popular, a knockout!

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You must have noticed that reserves make a special effort when they eventually get on the field. Its their opportunity to impress the coach. In the process they may indulge in some over-vigorous play. They can't afford the luxury of considering their opponents; they have to be ruthless. Confucius, he say: "Man who sit on bench for long periods bound to get a little callus."

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John Warren is in the news a lot. That's probably because his job is to promote. He says himself he is trying to broaden his experience but intends to coach ultimately. He has even been mentioned as a successor to Rudi Gutendorf. On the other hand he could well succeed John Frank as manager of the Philips League.

As coach he's in the first rank.

As promoter he's cash in the bank.

Should he follow his star.

As coach or P.R.?

Should he be Rude or just Frank?

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Football managers have one thing in common - their love of the game. Soccer is their first, their one true love.

1. On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me - A striker with a bad knee.
2. On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me - Two points lost and a striker with a bad knee.
3. Three French refs, two points lost and a striker with a bad knee.
4. Four players booked.
5. Five goals down.
6. Six groundsmen striking.
7. Seven lads suspended.
8. Eight requests for transfer.
9. Nine straight losses.
10. Ten sick apprentices.
11. Eleven players sulking.
12. Twelve directors fuming.

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DAFFYNITIONS

BOTTOM OF THE TABLE: You have a wooden spoon and cop plenty of stirring.

TOP OF THE TABLE: The honoured place where you get the finest silver.

MIDDLE OF THE TABLE: The pickings are all right and you don't foot the bill like the head of the table.

STRIKER: Someone who gives a match flair.

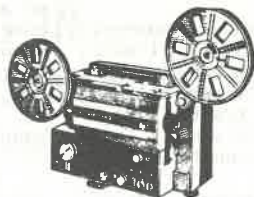
KICK OFF: Training cancelled.

CROSSBAR: Drinkers in "The Pub with no Beer".

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Some, if not all, may play today. They are George Koulianos, Nick Pantsaras, John Dedes, Aldo Lorenzoni, Steve Atsalas, Steve Stylianou and Loui Pivetta.

THE DAY'S EVENTS

11.45 am: Inter-association Under 11 — Toronto v Cardiff.

12.45 pm: Under 14 — Valentine v South Wallsend.

1.55 pm: Newcastle entrants in the Miss Australia arrive at ground, driven by members of the MG Car Club.

2 pm: Trampoline exhibition by World, Australian and State champions.

2.30 pm: Newcastle KB United v West Adelaide.

ATTENTION FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Some correspondence addressed to Foundation Members of KB United Soccer Club has been returned as unclaimed.

If your address has been changed the Secretary (Mr Paul Trisley) should be notified at the address shown in The Directory on Page Three.

Foundation Members are also advised that the attractive club tie is now available to them and may be collected from the Secretary.

SOMETHING FOR A TOP TOOTER TO TOOT ABOUT

It was a fortunate day for Soccer when Bill Jones decided that his career as a player would be some-what short-lived.

Determined to remain a part of the game in some way or another he decided to become a referee.

Last Sunday he controlled the Lake Macquarie — Edgeworth match at Macquarie Field — and that was his 500th appearance as the official in charge of a top grade match.

It is a fine record and one about which all who follow the game will surely congratulate the most likeable and highly cooperative Mr Jones.

However, the 500th mark is merely a milestone along the path he treads in the game. He is far from finished as a referee. There are many more matches to be played under his control.

Mr Jones has been secretary of the Northern Soccer Referees' Association for four

years. He has been a member of the organisation for 10 years. He is also treasurer of the Junior Referees' Association and secretary of the Kotara South Cricket Club.

Congratulations, Bill, on the 500 — and many more of 'em!

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

This letter to Soccer World from Alan Crisp, Soccer writer for the Adelaide Advertiser which appeared in Soccer World on May 31, needs no comment since it so obviously speaks for itself — in volumes.

Under the heading "Open Letter to Newcastle", Mr Crisp writes —

"As a Soccer journalist I should like to express my heart-felt gratitude to Newcastle for the wonderful hospitality shown to me during the National Presentation on May 23-24.

The progress made by Newcastle KB United in its brief existence must rank as a modern miracle.

Your expertise in every facet of the club administration proves that you have indeed established a benchmark for promotion and sportsmanship in Australian Soccer.

I can truthfully say that my visit to your Soccer City provided me with a highlight in my lifetime involvement with the code.

As a native of Adelaide it was heartening each time I rode in a taxi that the unsolicited topic from the driver was Soccer.

This surely spells real success for your promotional campaign.

Your expert planning and research has deservedly rocketed your club to national prominence.

Thank you for the opportunity of meeting your outstanding administrators and media colleagues from Newcastle and the other States.

I was grateful to renew acquaintance with some scribes I had not seen for years and it was particularly pleasing to meet for the first time my Soccer World colleagues, Myles Hay and Keith Gilmour.

I have no hesitation in declaring myself as Newcastle KB United's most avid 'away' fan and can assure you that I will wear my club tie with pride.

Thank you again for a most enjoyable and enlightening presentation. Dare I hope that May 23-24 was a rehearsal for another visit.

ALAN CRISP,
The Advertiser (Adelaide) and Soccer World."

SCORERS

NEWCASTLE
KB UNITED

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NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

1. PHIL DANDO
2. PETER WILLIS
3. NEAL ENDACOTT
4. CRAIG MASON
5. BILL SUMMERSCALES
6. ROY DRINKWATER
7. ARNO BERTOIGNA
8. IAN SEDDON
9. KENNY BODEN
10. GRAHAM HEYS
11. DAVID JONES

MANAGER:

Alan Vest

COLOURS:

Emerald,

cinnamon

and white

or

Red, gold

and black

12. JOE SENKALSKI
14. JOHN SNEDDON
15. COL CURRAN
16. PETER TREDINNICK
17. JIM McBREEN
18. MICHAEL BOOGAARD
19. MALCOLM McCLELLAND
20. JIM PRESTON
21. KEITH HARRIS
22. BRETT COWBURN
13. KEVAN KEELAN

REFEREE:

Mr Des Miles (Brisbane)



LINESMEN:

Mr R. Warren

Mr A. Rodway

1. MARTYN CROOK
2. VICTOR BOZANIC
3. BARRY REYNOLDS
4. NEIL McGACHEY
5. CON KAMBAS
6. DAVID JONES
7. PETER BOYLE
8. DAVID PILLANS
9. GRAHAM NORRIS
10. GRAHAM HONEYMAN
11. IAN MCGREGOR
12. ALEX ZERVAS
13. GARIE DOOLEY

COACH:

T. Forde

COLOURS:

Royal blue

white striped

shirts.

Royal blue

shorts, socks.

14. GORDON McCULLOCH
15. PETER TYMCZYSZYN
16. GEORGE KOULIANOS
17. NICK PANTSARAS
18. JOHN BATCHELOR
19. JOHN DEDED
- ALDO LORENZONI
- STEVE ATSALES
20. STEVE STYLIANOU
- LOUI PIVETTA
- SAM SERVICE
- JOHN KOSMINA

WEST ADELAIDE

RESULT — NEWCASTLE

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ON THE HALFWAY LINE

THE PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

										Newcastle KB Table		
CLUB	W	B	D	L	F	A	P	V	S	C		
1. Marconi Fairfield	7	(3)	3	3	32	18	20	A	1-2	8,000		
2. Adelaide City	8	(1)	2	3	23	14	19	A	0-0	5,100		
3. Sydney City	8	(1)	1	4	28	19	18	H	0-1	9,823		
4. APIA Leichhardt	7	(-)	2	4	17	13	18	A	3-1	4,287		
5. Heidelberg United	5	(-)	4	4	19	14	15	A	4-2	3,500		
6. Brisbane City	6	(1)	2	5	20	17	15	H	4-1	9,037		
7. West Adelaide	6	(1)	2	5	17	16	15	A	1-1	6,127		
8. Newcastle KB United	6	(-)	2	5	22	17	14					
9. Canberra City	4	(-)	4	5	15	16	12	H	0-2	8,254		
10. Footscray J.U.S.T.	5	(-)	1	7	16	25	11	A	0-2	1,200		
11. Sydney Olympic	5	(-)	0	8	16	19	10	H	3-0	18,367		
12. Brisbane Lions	5	(-)	0	8	16	23	10	A	0-3	1,300		
13. South Melbourne	3	(-)	1	9	11	27	7	H	2-1	7,091		
14. St. George	3	(-)	0	10	13	30	6	H	4-2	8,288		

KEY: W — wins, B — bonus points, D — draws, L — losses, F — goals for, A — goals against, P — points tally, V — venue, S — scores, C — crowd.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

P.S.L.

Sydney Olympic v. South Melbourne
Canberra City v. St. George
Heidelberg United v. Footscray J.U.S.T.
Brisbane Lions v. Marconi Fairfield
Adelaide City v. Sydney City
APIA Leichhardt v. Brisbane City

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The points in the player of the year award at the end of Round One for the 1979 season are as follows:—

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West Wallsend v. Toronto Awaba
Highfields v. Edgeworth
Lake Macquarie v. Adamstown
Belmont Swansea v. Cardiff
Cessnock v. Weston

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

Roy Drinkwater 6
Graham Heys 4
Bill Summerscales 3
Ken Boden 3

GOLDEN GOAL WINNERS

March: Ken Boden
April: No award

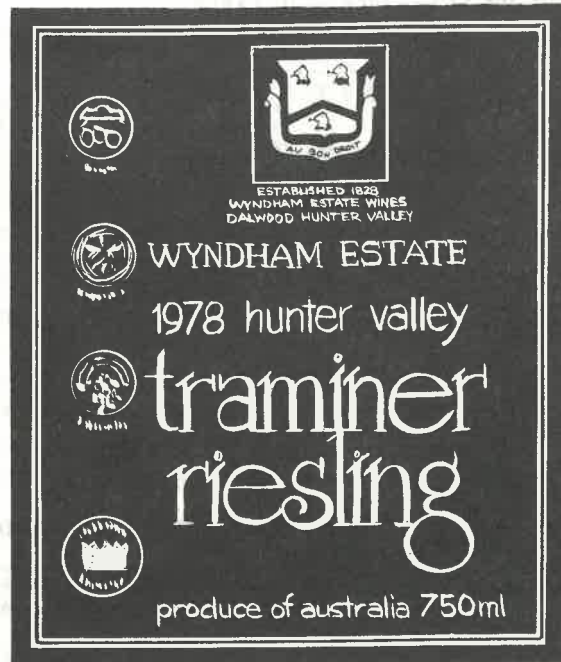
FASTEST SCORER

Roy Drinkwater 1m 55
v.
St. George, June 9.

Last Weekend's Results:

Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 v. Newcastle KB United 0
Sydney City 2 v. Canberra City 1
South Melbourne 1 v. APIA Leichhardt 2
Brisbane Lions 0 v. Adelaide City 6
Marconi Fairfield 0 v. Heidelberg United 4
St. George 2 v. Sydney Olympic 0
West Adelaide 2 v. Brisbane City 1

Drinkwater 7.62
Boden 7.54
Seddon 7.52
Summerscales 7.50
Sneddon 7.28
Curran 7.18
McClelland 7.17
Preston 7.13
Cowburn 7.04
Bertogna 7.00
Heys 6.91
Senkalski 6.67
Endacott 6.67
Wells 6.65
Dando 6.58
Tredinnick 6.39
Mason 6.25
Keelan 6.00
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SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

by Otto Kovacs

It is pleasing to see the increase in attendances at our general meetings. We ask all supporters to come along to our next meeting, on 3rd July, and contribute your ideas. Collective thinking and hard work will enable the club to progress further faster.

At our last meeting Mr Paul Trisley outlined the future plans of the promotions committee. He said he hoped all supporters would submit their ideas on how the committee could best promote our club and code in the future.

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The aim behind all supporters club activities is fun, and the next item on the club's social committee calendar is no exception. The committee has organised a...

Black Cat Ball on Friday, July 13

at Wallsend Community Hall. It promises to be a great night. The dance will begin at 8pm and end at 1am. Bring your friends along and get to know your fellow supporters.

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Newcastle will have the opportunity to show that it is the soccer capital of Australia (complete with the best supporters) at the end of the month.

The occasion will be, of course, the clash between the Australian national eleven and one of the top teams in Europe, Partizan Belgrade.

This will be our chance to show Australian soccer officials that Australia can get the support it needs from Newcastle. Until now the national side has had very little support at matches in various capital cities, so we should make that extra effort to be at the ISC on June 29. Who knows, we may get a full international match here one day.

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Bookings for the flight to the Canberra match close shortly.

If you would like to go, tickets are available at the supporters shop. The fare is \$72 and accommodation \$25. The plane leaves 8am Saturday.

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Mr H. Dumbrell must have cursed his luck when he bought a golden goals ticket at the St George match. How often does a team score in one minute 55 seconds? Often enough, for him anyway, because he went home \$100 richer than he came. Congratulations Mr Dumbrell.

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Our club stall has just received more photos of our players in addition to our already popular collection of giant poster photos.

The new photos are of J. Preston, J. Senkalski, A. Bertogna, K. Keelan, B. Cowburn and P. Tredinnick.

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While on the subject of our stall, I must remind you all to have a look at the range of English first division club souvenirs on display at every game. We have lapel badges from almost every club - it's worth a look.

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If you are booking for the Canberra City match on 19 August you must have paid 50% of your bus fare by 30 June, and all monies must be finalised by 31 July.

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Don't forget! YOU are invited to our general meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.



There was plenty of action in the match in which Newcastle KB United so clearly defeated St George at the International Sports Centre recently as there was at the moment this picture was taken. John O'Shea of St George is in mid-air while Peter Tredinnick (centre) moves in and Peter Hensman (No. 7) of St George looks on.
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**'DIXIE' DEAN (No! not that one)
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During that spendid KB United promotion which brought top Soccer writers from all parts of Australia and left them almost dumbfounded at the remarkable expertise of the club's organisation I discussed, at some length the merits of centre-forwards of another age in football in the UK with two well-known media personalities.

They were Martin Royal of the ABC and David Jack of the Sydney Sun and Sun Herald.

Both had the advantage of having seen many of the greats whom we discussed while my knowledge is based only on records, reading and listening to people from the Old Country.

However, the final decision was unanimous, all agreeing that the many who had voted for 'Dixie' Dean of Tranmere Rovers, Everton, Notts County and England as perhaps the best centre-forward of all time were not far off the mark.

No, he is not that greatly skilled and dangerous striker of the same name from Adelaide but a goal-scoring freak who was born in 1907 and who, between 1924 and 1929, scored 379 goals in 437 English Football League and English Football Association Cup matches - 310 of them while playing in the top division.

Added to that he scored 18 times in 16 matches for England in international fixtures.

Dean scored 349 while a member of Everton's teams, the most any player has scored for a club in England. He hit the back of the net 60 times in the 1927-28 season. Thereby hangs a tale.

He scored his 60th goal in the second last minute of the last match of the season to top the 59 scored by George Camshell of Middlebrough. He scored those 60 goals in only 29 matches for there were 10 fixtures in which he did not score and three games he missed because of injury.

Dean needed nine goals in the last three matches to reach 60. And he scored them with a burst of two, four and three.

In 1926-27 Dean played five times for England and scored 12 goals, the sequence being two, three, two, two, three. He was then in his 20th year.

In one season he scored 20 goals in nine successive English Football League matches with a run of 4, 1, 2, 1, 4, 1, 2, 1, 4. He scored a hat-trick 37 times.

He missed more than 100 matches because of injury during his great career and, while it might be useless conjecture as to what his total would have been had he not been so sidelined, one cannot help wondering.

He led Everton to a brilliant treble after the club was relegated in 1930. His remarkable goal-scoring feats enabled the club to win the Second Division championship in 1931, the First Division title in 1932 and the FA Cup in 1933.

Not a big man, but exceptionally strong, Dean was often described as a wizard with his head with which he scored many times.

He was one of English Soccer's greatest personalities and almost a football legend.

Proof of the great regard in which he was held came when the Everton Club gave him a much belated testimonial in 1964 more than 25 years after he had left the club. Almost 38,000 turned out to pay him tribute.

There have been many great centre-forwards in English football - when that was a most fashionable position - but none captured the imagination as did "Dixie" Dean.

FOOTNOTE - David Jack's father, also David Jack, scored the first goal in a Cup Final at Wembley. That was when Bolton Wanderers defeated West Ham United, two to nil, in 1926.

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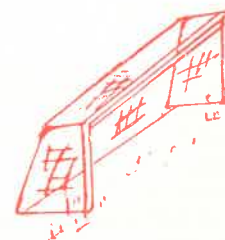
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GREAT CLUBS GONE BUT LINGER IN MEMORY

When one strolls along Soccer's Nostalgic Lane, memory usually drifts back to some of the great clubs and teams which no longer set pulses tingling.

Not all of them have slipped from sight but a number in the North which made Soccer history on the broader canvas of State-wide competition no longer enjoy the renown that once was theirs although still shining in local competition.

One great club which dropped from sight is Aberdare which was founded in 1925 by a number of Scotsmen and which was, by and large, an offshoot of the Cessnock Club.

Aberdare took its place in the Newcastle competition in 1926 and was one of the clubs which became a member of the State Soccer League when it was formed in 1928. Its team won the first State Cup after a somewhat hectic semi-final experience.

Aberdare and Kurri Kurri met five times in that semi-final round in 1928 before a decision was reached — and only nine goals were scored in the five fixtures, scores being 0-0, 2-2, 1-1, 1-1, 1-0.

Aberdare defeated Weston, two goals to nil, in the final at Cessnock. Its players in those matches read like a page from a 'Who's Who' in Northern Soccer. The team was — H. McKissock; T. Hill, A. ('Ducky') Henwood; Tom Shakespeare, J. B. ('Digger') Evans, W. Sterrit; Nock Brennan, J. McKay, B. McLaren, Angus Thomson, J. Drinkwater. What a great team it was!

Aberdare, which produced so many great players, lost its senior status in 1937 and that was a great loss to Northern Soccer.

Among its many great players was Jimmy Thomson, a top player in East Scotland junior Soccer who refused a contract with Heart of Midlothian so that he could migrate, as a miner, with his brother Wallace. They came to the Cessnock area — and that was great fortune for Northern Soccer because Jimmy Thomson was something out of the box.

Tough as teak he was known as the "Iron Man" who was tenacious in the

tackle and remarkable in his clearance kicking.

He captained NSW and gained what is certainly an Australian record — perhaps one in world Soccer — when his four sons, Angus, Gordon, James and Keith, became senior grade players. The first three named followed their father into NSW teams. Angus Thomson was a member of the Aberdare team which won the first State League Cup.

Then there was Benny McLaren, a former Second Division team player in Scotland. He was a noted personality in the game and a scheming, deadly shooting forward.

"Digger" Evans was undoubtedly one of the greatest Australian-born defenders the game in this country has known. Tall and powerfully built, he was magnificent when the going was at its toughest. He moved to Sydney in the early 1930's to play with Goodyear, Metters and Leichhardt-Annandale. He was a permanent fixture in NSW teams and played for Australia no less than 26 times. The 'Big Digger' was a great player and a fine team man.

Another who began his brilliant career with Aberdare was Norman Conquest, an outstanding goalkeeper, who started his football with a junior team at Kearsley. He was one of the many Northern Soccer players who moved to Sydney during the depression but he first played in Southern football with Wollongong, then with Goodyear and later with Leichhardt-Annandale. He toured South Africa with an Australian team in 1950 and played 16 times for NSW and 12 times for Australia.

"Ducky" Henwood, now living at West Wallsend, was yet another from the great Aberdare team. Another fine full-back he later moved to Adamstown and played three times for Australia.

Another club which seemed likely to become greatly prominent but which did not live up to the promise was Waratah which had a short but exciting life. It is regrettable that it could not continue in top grade Soccer for it had all the makings of a fine club.

Cessnock Club was founded in 1906 and became a power first in Northern

AS I RECALL (Continued)

Competition and then in the hurly-burly of intercity play. A great team from the club won the State premiership in 1928 and 1929 and added the State League Cup to its win in that season's competition. It won the State League championship again in 1956 and 1958, the Northern premiership in 1956, 1958 and 1960. Earlier wins included the Northern Cup in 1933, the Kerr Cup in 1923 and 1927, the Ellis Cup and Stevenson Cups in 1927. Even earlier than that, Cessnock had won the Hampden Cup in 1910 and the Nurse Cup, a South Coast knock-out competition open to all teams in the State.

Among its internationals were Percy Lennard and his son Jack, Cliff Almond, who did so well in English and Scotland's football, John Pettigrew, Kevin O'Neill and Jack Drinkwater.

Belmont-Swansea was a force with which to be reckoned for a considerable period. It was founded in 1935 and came into real prominence in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Teams from the club won the Ampol Cup in 1967 and 1969 and the Northern premiership in 1970. It had many great players. Among them was the goal-scoring leader of the attack, Bob Burgoyne. He scored 40 goals in the 1967 season. He was a fine player and one of the most dangerous—from a scoring point—forwards of his day and age.

Eddie Charlton, one of the world's leading snooker players, was a valuable member of the side for many seasons.

Mayfield United was founded in 1930 as Lysaght's Orb and reformed in 1951. It played a valuable part in Northern Soccer for many seasons and was a team always hard to beat. Its one international was Sammy North, now a keen bowler at Wallsend.

Lake Macquarie, founded in 1912 as Boolaroo, reformed in 1932 as Speers Point and again in 1938 as Lake Macquarie seemed destined for the big things in State Soccer, particularly when it acquired its fine ground, Macquarie Field.

Teams from the club won the New-

castle Cup in 1945, the Ellis Cup in 1962, the Plummer Cup in 1962 and 1964, the Daniels Cup in 1954 and the Ampol Cup in 1961 and 1962. But its most satisfying success was the winning of the State premiership in 1946.

Kurri Kurri, a club founded in 1904, has the distinction of being the first club in the North to openly adopt semi-professionalism. It was a foundation member of the first State wide organisation, the State Soccer League. It was in those years a club which played a most important part in the progress of the game and was the mother club of Sid Grant, one of the most outstanding administrators Soccer in Australia has had.

There are other clubs which made their bow, played an important part in providing worthwhile Soccer in the North and then fading from the scene, as did some of the clubs of the early days — Minmi Rangers, Hamilton Athletic, Burwood United, Carrington Black Watch, Greta Bluebells to name but a few.

Only a few of the original clubs remain. They are Adamstown, Wallsend, West Wallsend.

The registered clubs 75 years ago were widespread. Here is a list of them:

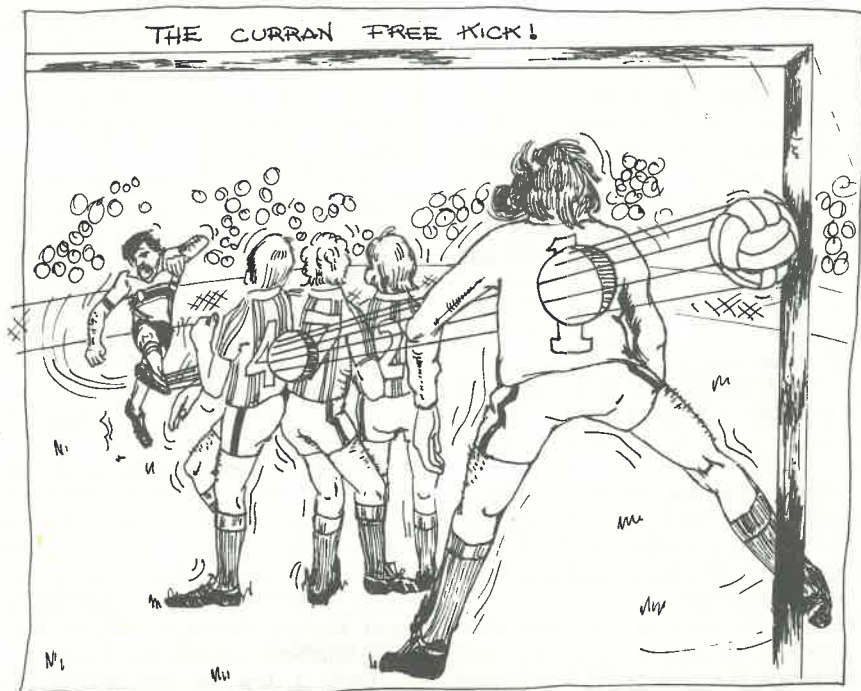
Senior Grade: Adamstown, Merewether, Wallsend, West Wallsend.

First Junior Grade: Broadmeadow, Heddong Greta, Kurri Kurri, Pelaw Main, Shamrocks, Teralba.

Second Junior Grade: Adamstown, Boulders, Broadmeadow, Catherine Hill Bay, Royals, Merewether.

Third Junior Grade: Kurri Kurri, Royals, Teralba, West Wallsend, Windy Creek.

In the 16 years from the time Minmi Rangers, the first of all northern clubs was formed, there were 16 recognised teams of top grade status. They were — Minmi Rangers (1884), Hamilton Athletic (1886), Greta Bluebells (1886), Carrington Black Watch (1886), Merewether (1887), Stockton (1887), Greta Black Watch (1888), Wallsend Rovers (1888), Burwood United (1888), Minmi Swifts (1889), Minmi Thistles (1889, disbanded in 1895), Adamstown (1889), Young Wallsend (1892), East Greta (1896), Newcastle West (1898).



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Newcastle KB United's goalkeeper, Jim Preston, and teammate Craig Mason, did all they could but it was not enough to prevent St George's first goal, scored by Roy Cotton, during the match which KB United won handsomely at the International Sports Centre recently.

(PIC: Newcastle Herald)

NEXT FRIDAY

TOP YUGOSLAV TEAM MEETS AUSTRALIA AT SPORTS CENTRE

Partizan of Belgrade, one of Europe's top club teams will meet Rudi Gutendorf's Australian side at the International Sports Centre next Friday afternoon.

The match will be of particular interest to keen Soccer enthusiasts since it will provide the opportunity of assessing the advance made by players since they came under Gutendorf's attention.

The Australian team is not yet known but Gutendorf has said he is not likely to make many changes from that which was so narrowly beaten by New Zealand in the Auckland mud recently.

In any case the chance to see Partizan, not only a top Yugoslavian side but one of Europe's best, in action, should not be missed. Teams of its quality are few and far between.

The Newcastle KB United Club has been paid a high compliment by the Australian Association in being asked to stage the fixture since so many soccer centres wanted to be host to the Yugoslavians.

It is indicative of the high regard in which Newcastle KB United is held by the powers that be that it was chosen to be among the first clubs to organise and promote such an important match.

Partizan is only the second Yugoslavian team to come to Australia. The other was Hajduk Split which cut a swathe through Australian, State and Regional teams during its 20-match tour in 1949.

Split won 18 of the matches, drew one and lost one, scoring 111 goals and conceding only 19. The team defeated Australia in the three Test matches played and also defeated a strong NSW side, four goals to one, at Newcastle Sports Ground on August 31, 1949 and a capable Northern District XI, eight goals to two, four days later at Cessnock.

Partizan is recognised as being one of Yugoslavia's best sides and its record over the years has been better than that of Hajduk Split.

Partizan was founded in 1945, its playing strip being black and white striped shirts and black shorts.

It was founded after World War II in Belgrade as the Army Club and made a great start by winning the League and Cup double in its first season. The team lost only five points in its 26 matches in the League competition and scored 77 goals while conceding only 15.

From the start, Partizan was a team of considerable quality and style and has not changed even when its League and Cup record in a season has not been as impressive as that of its first year.

Some of Europe's greatest players have worn the club colours. The great inside forward, Stjepan Bobek was with the side at its start and stayed with it until 1965. He scored

more than 400 goals for Partizan and another 18 when playing for Yugoslavia in international matches.

Another great player from the club was Zlatko Cajkoski, a tireless half-back who was captain of Yugoslavia's teams in the World Cup series of 1950 and 1954 and who represented FIFA (Federation of International Football Associations) - against England in 1953, as did the left wing forward, Branko Zebec who represented his country 65 times.

The Partizan team of the early 1960's towered over the Yugoslavian Soccer scene. Bobek had become the club's coach and, guided by him, Partizan won the League championship four times in five seasons. This outstanding run of success meant that Partizan was an almost permanent fixture in the highly valued European Cup competition. The side reached the final of that competition in 1966. After losing, four goals to one, to Sparta Prague in Czechoslovakia, Partizan scored enough goals in the second leg match in Belgrade to qualify for the semi-final round.

In that round Partizan defeated Manchester United but in the final against Real Madrid, Partizan went down, two-one, after scoring the first goal.

Most members of the great team went their own ways, accepting offers from other clubs as they were entitled to do under the rules at the time of the Yugoslavian Association which allowed players to go to any club in Europe on a free transfer.

Partizan lost most members of its fine side but rebuilt so well that it became a force in Yugoslavian football again in the 1970's. It won the League championship in 1976 and 1978 to add to its record of having won the title in 1947, 1949, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1965. It won the Yugoslavia Cup in 1947, 1952, 1954 and 1957.

Partizan has made many tours and has completed in tournaments in Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. It has had marked success in many countries and is eager to add Australian scalps to its proud record.

The team has many fine players, one of them being Nenad Stojkovic, the side's captain. Now 26 he is considered to be the best stopper centre-half in European football. He has played in 24 full international matches and was voted as Yugoslavia's Player of the Year in 1978.

One of the great personalities of the team is Slobodan Santrac, said to be one of Yugoslavia's greatest players of all time. He is a striker who has headed the list of goal-scorers in the League championship five times.

There are many others of high reputations in the team - and most of them will be in action when Partizan plays Australia at the Sports Centre next Friday.

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